

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES

Call to Order: Chairwoman Arlene Becker, on March 4, 2009 at 3:00 P.M., in Room 152 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Arlene Becker, Chairwoman (D)
Rep. Mary Caferro, Vice Chairwoman (D)
Rep. Pat Ingraham, Vice Chairwoman (R)
Rep. Bill Beck (R)
Rep. Julie French (D)
Rep. Timothy Furey (D)
Rep. David Howard (R)
Rep. Chuck Hunter (D)
Rep. Dave McAlpin (D)
Rep. Michael More (R)
Rep. Pat Noonan (D)
Rep. Ken Peterson (R)
Rep. Diane Sands (D)
Rep. Cary Smith (R)
Rep. Ron Stoker (R)
Rep. Jeffery Welborn (R)

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Santella Baglivo, Committee Secretary
Sue O'Connell, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 82, 2/23/2009; SB 119,
2/23/2009; SB 208, 2/23/2009

Executive Action: None

HEARING ON SB 208

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:02:15 Sen. Dave Lewis (R), SD 42, opened the hearing on
SB 208, Include nonprofit hospital employees in county
health plan.
00:02:16 Chairwoman Becker leaves.
00:03:47 Rep. Beck enters.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:05:12 John Flink, Montana Hospital Association
00:05:57 Sheryl Wood, Montana Association of Counties

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:08:36 Rep. Sands
00:09:07 Sen. Lewis
00:09:52 Rep. Furey
00:10:52 Sen. Lewis
00:11:17 Mr. Flink
00:11:49 Rep. Stoker
00:12:46 Sen. Lewis
00:13:58 Rep. Hunter
00:14:07 Rep. Sands
00:14:28 Ms. Wood

Closing by Sponsor:

00:16:08 Sen. Lewis

HEARING ON SB 119

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:16:42 Sen. John Esp (R), SD 31, opened the hearing on SB 119, Medicaid buy-in option for individuals with disabilities.

EXHIBIT (huh48a01)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:18:40 Anna Whiting-Sorrell, Director, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)

00:20:58 Rita Charles, Volunteer Advocate, AARP Montana

EXHIBIT (huh48a02)

00:21:17 Rep. Peterson enters.

00:22:06 Travis Hoffman, Montana Independent Living Centers

00:27:48 Shyla Patera, Self, Great Falls, Montana

00:30:28 Jim Brown, Self, Billings, Montana

EXHIBIT (huh48a03)

00:31:47 Rep. Ingraham and Rep. French enter.

00:35:51 Mark Sanders, Self, Helena, Montana

00:38:35 Mike Mayer, Summit Independent Living Center, Missoula, Montana

00:41:33 Eve Franklin, Policy Advisor on Families, Governor's Office

00:44:30 Brian McGowan, Community Mental Health Center

00:45:03 Amanda Edwards, Self, Big Fork, Montana

EXHIBIT (huh48a04)

00:47:28 Tom Osborn, Independent Living Centers, Black Eagle, Montana

00:48:46 Anita Roessmann, Disability Rights Montana

00:49:51 Chairwoman Becker enters.

00:49:59 Matt Kuntz, Executive Director, National Alliance on Mental Illness, Montana

00:51:38 Jude Monson, Summit Independent Living Center

EXHIBIT (huh48a05)

00:54:48 Erin MacLean, Montana Medical Association

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:55:37 Rep. Furey

00:56:20 Mr. Hoffman

00:56:45 Rep. Furey

00:57:08 Mr. Hoffman
 00:58:12 Rep. Ingraham
 00:58:48 Sen. Esp
 00:59:02 Rep. Ingraham
 00:59:08 Sen. Esp
 00:59:27 Rep. Beck
 00:59:50 Sen. Esp
 01:00:14 Rep. Beck
 01:00:38 Sen. Esp
 01:00:41 Rep. Beck
 01:00:55 Sen. Esp
 01:01:28 Rep. Beck
 01:01:53 Sen. Esp
 01:02:32 Rep. Beck
 01:02:45 Linda Snedigar, DPHHS
 01:04:04 Rep. Beck
 01:04:20 Ms. Snedigar
 01:05:34 Rep. Furey
 01:06:49 Mr. Mayer
 01:08:32 Rep. Ingraham
 01:09:09 Ms. Snedigar
 01:09:53 Vice Chairwoman Caferro
 01:11:00 Mr. Brown
 01:12:27 Vice Chairwoman Caferro
 01:12:32 Mr. Hoffman
 01:15:28 Vice Chairwoman Caferro
 01:15:36 Mr. Hoffman

Closing by Sponsor:

01:16:31 Sen. Esp

HEARING ON SB 82

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:19:32 Sen. Donald Steinbeisser (R), SD 19, opened the hearing on SB 82, Clarify Medicaid third party liability.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:21:59 Jeff Buska, Administrator, Quality Assurance Division, DPHHS

EXHIBIT (huh48a06)

01:35:05 Steve Yeakel, Montana Independent Bankers
 01:36:37 Steve Turkiewicz, Montana Banking Association

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:37:35 Rep. French

01:37:55 Mr. Turkiewicz

Closing by Sponsor:

01:38:19 Sen. Steinbeisser

Announcements:

01:38:53 Chairwoman Becker

EXHIBIT(huh48a07)

01:41:04 Rep. Ingraham

ADJOURNMENT

01:41:39 Adjournment: 4:41 P.M.

Santella Baglivo, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT ([huh48aad.pdf](#))